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NEWS ALERT

SEN. LIU RELEASES REPORT ON POVERTY AMONG WOMEN

SACRAMENTO – Today, Senator Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge) will announce the release of a report by the *Senate Office of Research* entitled *Gender-Responsive Asset-Building Strategies: Considerations for State Policy and Programs*. This report outlines asset development as a way to alleviate poverty and address low- and moderate-income women's financial security.

Research shows that there are deficiencies in opportunity, services, and the economic wellbeing of women and girls. This new report further supports these findings and notes that women earn 76 cents for every dollar men do and that women are also more likely to experience poverty over the course of their lifetime as compared to men.

The report describes possible policy solutions such as integrating financial education into the delivery of programs such as CalWORKs, eliminating asset limits for CalWORKs, and establishing a system for tracking cycles of poverty in California. Sen. Liu hopes the Legislature and state and local government can use the data from this report to proactively address poverty among women.

The report will be released at *2013 Women's Policy Summit: Advancing Women's Health, Wealth, & Power*, hosted by the *California Center for Research on Women and Families*. The summit is a strategic effort among respected advocates, experts, and visionaries all working together to set the agenda on a variety of women's issues.

- **WHAT:** Release of California Senate Office of Research report on Gender-Responsive Asset-Building Strategies: Considerations for State Policy and Programs.
- **WHEN:** 2:00 p.m. **Thursday (January 17, 2013)**
- **WHERE:** California Women's Policy Summit 2013 (Sacramento Convention Center)

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